

Amendment No. 1 to HB3576

Montgomery
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 3597

House Bill No. 3576*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

49-7-150.

(a) No state higher education institution that grants recognition to any student organization shall discriminate against, deny recognition to, or deny equal access to programs, finding, or facilities for any student organization on the basis of the religious content of the organization's speech including, but not limited to worship.

(b) A religious student organization may determine that the organization's religious mission requires that only persons professing the faith of the group and comporting themselves in conformity with it qualify to serve as members or leaders.

(c) No state higher education institution shall deny recognition or any privilege or benefit to a student organization or group that exercises its rights pursuant to subsection (b).

(d) As used in this section, "state higher education institution" means any higher education institution governed by chapter 8 or 9 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.